COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PROCEEDINGS.

(Budget Session of 1100.)

Thursday, the 30th of July 1925.

The Council commenced its sitting at 11-30 a. m. on the 15th of Karkadagam, corresponding to the 30th of July 1925, with the President in the Chair. Messrs S. S. Koder, K. Krishna Menon, P. Munda Vaidyan, N. Padmanabha Menon, Dr. A. R Menon, Messrs. A. Sankara Puduval and E. Simpson were absent.

President.—We shall commence the Proceedings with Questions and Answers as usual.

Questions and Answers.

Manufacture of Salt.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

45. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether manufacture of salt was ever tried in the State?

(b) If so, why was it stopped?

(c) Are there any very great objections to introducing the manufacture?

If so, what are the objections?

(d) What is the amount that actually goes out of the State every year on account of the importation of salt from outside the State?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR (*Superintendent of Excise Revenue*).

(a) Manufacture of salt was not tried in the State at any time;

(b) This question does not arise in view of the answer given above;

(c) Whether manufacture of salt will be a financial success has to be ascertained by investigation by experts. There are no funds now to conduct such an investigation.

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(d) Taking the annual consumption of salt to be 3,00,000 maunds, the amount that actually goes out of the State is nearly Rs. 2,25,000.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

Has the Government any idea as to how much money will be required to conduct an investigation?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR (*Superintendent of Excise Revenue*).

No experts have been written to, and, therefore, we have no definite idea about the matter. But it may come to about Rs. 30,000.

Tobacco cultivation.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trippunittura*).

46. Will the Government be pleased to state whether tobacco cultivation was at any time tried in the State, and if so, when and where and with what result?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR (*Superintendent of Excise Revenue*).

The cultivation of tobacco in the State was tried for the first time in the year 1099 in the Mulattura village of the Chittur Taluk by Mr. J. M. Doraswami Pillai, Manager, Uttukuli Zamin, and it was a failure. There has been no other attempt by any to cultivate the plant.

Mr. K. S. RAMA AYYAR (*Trppunittura*).

Sir, will the Government be pleased to say whether they will help to induce the people to take to this business?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR (*Superintendent of Excise Revenue*).

The Government does not think it necessary to give any help to private agencies who want to cultivate tobacco.

Tapping Sweet Toddy.

Dr. A. G. MENON (*Tattamangaiam*).

47. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) When the system of granting license for tapping palmyras for sweet toddy has been introduced in the State, and what is the annual income derived

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